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## SALT PRODUCTION IN TUTICORIN.

In connection with the construction of the major harbour at Tuticorin about 4,000 acres of land was notified for acquisition. This land was meant to meet the needs of the harbour as also the need of the Industries that are likely to be started in the vicinity of the harbour. In the lands proposed to be acquired, there are salt pans, some owned by private parties, others owned by Government of India and leased out to small salt manufacturers. Government of India have agreed to hand over their lands to the State Government. The salt manufacturers of Tuticorin have been expressing the fear that acquisition of salt lands may affect the production of salt in Tuticorin. Government is aware that salt is one of the important items that will have to be exported through the Tuticorn harbour, and hence has provided one berth exclusively for ships used for exporting salt. Government is therefore planning to locate suitable alternate areas where salt could be manufactured in and around Tuticorin. It is the intention of the Government that wherever the salt manufactures get dislodged due to the acquisition of the land by the Government, Government will take all possible steps to rehabilitate those dispossessed owners in alternate lands which are suitable for salt production. In order to achieve this objective, Government intends to permit the salt manufacturers whose lands are being acquired now to continue in their lands for temporary short periods, till alternate lands where salt can be produced are located. In this process Government will also ensure that those who are dispossessed of the land first get a chance for being rehabilitated in alternate site first, i.e., following a policy of first dispossessed first rehabilitated. Through this method, it is hoped to ensure that salt production in Tuticorin is not affected and also least possible dislocation is caused to the traditional salt manufacturers in the area.